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Hello,

I'm writing to let you know that I applaud your efforts to bring some semblance of justice to the Microsoft monopoly (except for the US DOJ, which is receiving this letter because I want them to know I'm displeased with their actions regarding Microsoft).

In my opinion, the Microsoft monopoly has caused more harm, and brought more suffering to the world than pretty much any other non-governmental entity (with the possible exception of various Oil companies, the World Trade Organization, and the World Bank).

They do this through unfair, unethical, and illegal business practices.

Microsoft has forced so many companies out of business by using unfair business tactics that most potential entrepreneurs have given up on competing with them. They either stay away from anything that Microsoft is doing, or create a product with the sole purpose of being bought out by Microsoft.

Microsoft adopts standards, then changes them so they only work with their products (see Java as a prime example).

They create copycat products (usually inferior) and then give them away for free with their OS, for the sole purpose of hurting competitors (for instance, Netscape being forced out of business by the free Internet Explorer).

They force Hardware manufacturers to ship one of their Operating System products exclusively, in exchange for favorable licensing rates (see, well, every PC hardware manufacturer since the Mid 80's). They do this in an attempt to force competing Operating Systems vendors out of business (long list of them, stretching back to many varieties of DOS, and the current one they are attempting to squash is Linux). Dell recently pulled their support of Linux on their Home systems, now requiring you to pay for a copy of Windows.

The few times the US government has done any thing, it's never been more than a slap on the wrist. In this latest case, Microsoft just delayed the punishment phase to wait until an administration more favorable to their monopolistic practices was in power (and, apparently it's worked, showing yet again that US citizens can't

depend on the federal government to do what's right for it's citizens...Big Business Lobbyists control it all).

Please, continue to seek justice in this case.

I only wish the rest of the plaintiffs had the moral strength to do so also.

Sincerely,

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"Specialization is for Insects." -- Robert Heinlein

"You can't enslave a free man. The worst you can do is kill him."

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